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SUBJ: MEDIA COVERAGE REPORT: CHANCELLOR BRANDT VISIT

1. PRE- ARRIVAL COVERAGE ALL MEDIA WILLIE BRANDT VISIT TO YUGO-
SLAVIA BOTH EXTENSIVE AND FAVORABLE. MEDIA BUILD- UP LAST
WEEK CLIMAXED WITH SUNDAY NIGHT TELECAST TITO INTERVIEW WITH
WEST GERMAN TV, WHICH FRANT APAGED MAJOR DAILIES APRIL 16.
POLITIKA HEADLINE QUOTES TITO: " RELATIONS BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA"
FRGERMANY DEVELOPING SUCCESSFULLY AND WELL TO MUTUAL
ADVANTAGE," SIMILARLY IN BORBA. POLITIKA'S BONN CORRESPON-
ENT (JULIUS) SAYS VISIT IS " NEW STEP TOWARD FRGERMAN- YUGOSLAV
RAPPROCHEMENT," WHILE UNSIGNED EDIT, ALSO FRONT- PAGE, " FRIEND
FROM RHINE," REFERS TO BRANDT IN SUPERLATIVES, NOTING HIS
" MERITS ARE ALREADY TODAY HISTORICALLY INDISPUTABLE."

2. APRIL 14-15 PRESS REPORTED BRANDT' S VICTORY AT SPD
CONGRESS, CALLING BRANDT " LEADER WHO KNOWS HOW TO FIGHT"
(POLITIKA, KULIUS). TANJUG DIPLOMATIC EDITOR (VELIMIR
BUDIMIR) IN APR 14 COLUMN CITES BRANDT AS " ONE OF CREATORS
OF POSITIVE TRENDS IN EUROPEAN RELATIONS." VISIT IS
SIGNIFICANT THEREFORE ON INTERNATIONAL LEVEL AS WELL AS
ON BILATERAL BASIS. BELGRADE EVENING DAILIES CARRIED
SERIALIZATION OF BRANDT' S LIFE AND PAPERBACK ENTITLED " ALL
ABOUT WILLIE BRANDT" WAS PUBLISHED BY MEDJUNARODNA POLITIKA
IN TIME FOR VISIT. APRIL 15 ISSUE NIN HAS 5- PAGE COVER
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STORY ON BRANDT. BASIS FOR MOST OF COMPLIMENTARY COVERAGE
IS HIS " OSTPOLITIK."
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